

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ALAN G. STEVENS

Plaintiff,

vs.

KERIOTH CORPORATION, KERIOTH REALTY  
COMPANY, LLC, KERIOTH CONSTRUCTION  
INCORPORATED, CLINTON G. HERRING, JR.,  
AND DAVID W. HATCHETT

Defendants.

**ANSWER**

Civil Action No.: 08-CV-01491

Defendant Kerioth Construction Incorporated (“Defendant”) by and through its attorneys,  
Nixon Peabody LLP, as and for its Answer to Plaintiff’s Complaint states as follows:

**SUMMARY OF ACTION**

1. Paragraph “1” does not contain any allegations to which a response is required.  
To the extent a response is required, Defendant denies the allegations contained within Paragraph  
“1”.
2. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “2”.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. The allegations contained in Paragraph “3” of the Complaint consist of  
conclusions of law to which no response is required. To the extent that response is required,  
Defendant denies said allegations.

**PARTIES**

4. Defendant denies information and knowledge sufficient to form a belief regarding the residence of Plaintiff. Defendant denies the remaining allegations contained in Paragraph “4”.

5. Defendant denies information and knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph “5”.

6. Defendant denies knowledge and information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph “6”.

7. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “7”.

8. To the extent the allegations contained within Paragraph “8” are directed at other defendants, Defendant denies information and knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph “8”. To the extent the allegations are directed at Defendant, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “8”, except admits that Clint G. Herring Jr. is President of Keriorth Construction Incorporated.

9. To the extent the allegations contained within Paragraph “9” are directed at other defendants, Defendant denies information and knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph “9”. To the extent the allegations are directed at Defendant, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “9”, except admits that David W. Hatchett is Vice President of Finance for Keriorth Construction Incorporated.

**SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS**

10. To the extent the allegations in Paragraph “10” are directed at other defendants, Defendant denies information and knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the

allegations contained in Paragraph "10". To the extent that the allegations are directed at Defendant, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph "10".

11. Defendant denies information and knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph "11".

12. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph "12".

13. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph "13", as any agreement between the parties speaks for itself and cannot be read apart from the other provisions contained within that agreement.

14. Defendant denies information and knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph "14".

15. To the extent the allegations in Paragraph "15" are directed at other defendants, Defendant denies information and knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph "15". To the extent that the allegations are directed at Defendant, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph "15".

16. To the extent the allegations in Paragraph "16" are directed at other defendants, Defendant denies information and knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph "16". To the extent that the allegations are directed at Defendant, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph "16".

17. To the extent the allegations in Paragraph "17" are directed at other defendants, Defendant denies information and knowledge sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in Paragraph "17". To the extent that the allegations are directed at Defendant, Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph "17".

**FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: BREACH OF CONTRACT**

18. Defendant incorporates by reference responses to paragraphs “1” through “17” as if fully set forth herein.

19. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “19”.

20. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “20”.

**SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION:  
BREACH OF DUTY OF GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING**

21. Defendant incorporates by reference responses to paragraphs “1” through “20” as if fully set forth herein.

22. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “22”.

23. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “23”.

**THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION:  
WRONGFUL TERMINATION IN BREACH OF CONTRACT**

24. Defendant incorporates by reference responses to paragraphs “1” through “23” as if fully set forth herein.

25. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “25”, as any agreement between the parties speaks for itself and cannot be read apart from the other provisions contained within that agreement.

26. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “26”.

27. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “27”.

**FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION:  
AIDING AND ABETTING**

28. Defendant incorporates by reference responses to paragraphs “1” through “27” as if fully set forth herein.

29. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph “29”.

30. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph "30".

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

31. Plaintiff has failed to state a cause of action for which relief may be granted.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

32. Plaintiff breached his contract with Defendant.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

33. Plaintiff's causes of action are barred, in whole or in part, by the Statute of Frauds.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

34. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, to the extent that there has been a failure to comply with the conditions and requirements contained in the alleged contracts between Plaintiff and Defendant.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANTS' FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

35. Plaintiffs' claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the applicable statute of limitations.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

36. Plaintiff's claims are barred, in whole or in part, by the principles or doctrines of estoppel, waiver, laches and/or unclean hands.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

37. Plaintiffs waived and are estopped from asserting some or all of its claims based on the parties' course of performance, course of dealing, and usage of trade.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

38. Plaintiff's remedies are barred to the extent that they have failed to take reasonable steps to mitigate their damages.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANTS' NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

39. The Court lacks personal jurisdiction.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

40. The Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

41. Defendant's acts or omissions were justified under the circumstances.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

42. At all times and in all respects Defendant acted toward Plaintiffs in good faith and without malice.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

43. Plaintiff breached his covenant of good faith and fair dealing with Defendant.

**AS AND FOR DEFENDANT'S FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

44. Defendants hereby give notice that they intends to rely upon such other and further defenses as may become available or apparent during discovery proceedings in this action and hereby reserves the right to amend its Answer and to assert any such defense by appropriate motion.

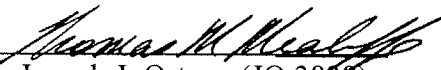
**JURY DEMAND**

Defendant demands a trial by jury upon all issues, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

WHEREFORE, Defendant Kerioth Construction Incorporated demands judgment in their favor:

1. dismissing the Complaint in its entirety with prejudice;
2. awarding Defendant its costs and disbursements of this action;
3. granting Defendant such other and further relief as the Court deems just, equitable and proper.

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